

**In the Abstract:**

Please amend the Abstract to read as follows:

A multiple catheter assembly ~~is provided. The assembly includes~~ (100) including a first catheter (110) having a first proximal end region (112), a first distal end region (114) terminating in a first distal tip (116), and an outer surface (120) defining at least a first lumen (122) extending longitudinally therethrough between a first distal and a first proximal opening. The assembly (100) also includes a second catheter (130) having a second proximal end region (132), a second distal end region (134) terminating in a second distal tip (136), and a second outer surface (140) defining at least a second lumen (142) extending longitudinally therethrough between a second distal and a second proximal opening. The first lumen (122) and ~~[[the]]~~ second (142) lumens are independent from each other for facilitating simultaneous flow in opposite directions. The outer surfaces (120,140) of the first and second catheters are releasably joined for allowing the first and second distal tips (116,136) and first and second proximal end regions (112,132) to be at least partially longitudinally split from each other. A method of inserting the catheter assembly (100) is also provided.